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Re: Patent Application  
Applicant: Ralph Harrison Lewis (deceased)  
entitled TOTAL KNEE REPLACEMENT FOR DOGS

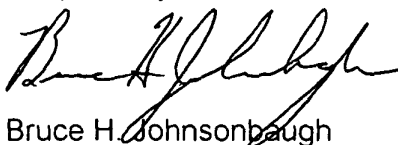
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, the undersigned hereby certifies that the following is being deposited as "Express Mail" with the United States Postal Service on Monday, September 8, 2003, as addressed above, and requests that the above-entitled patent application be accorded a filing date of September 8, 2003. The "Express Mail" mailing number is EL 828486434 US. The items transmitted herewith include:

1. Patent specification with 5 claims;
2. Executed Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application;
3. Two sheets of informal drawings; and
4. Small entity filing fee of \$375.00.

The undersigned represents that the applicant is a small entity and qualifies for small entity fees. If additional fees are required, please charge our deposit account No. 05-0420.

Respectfully,

  
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